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FOR PRESIDENT,
JAS. G. BLAINE,
OF MAINE.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
JOHN A. LOGAN,
OF ILLINOIS.

Republican State Convention.
A republican state convention to nominate candidates for state officers and electors for president and vice-president of the United States and for the transaction of other business, will be held at Whitney's opera house in the city of Detroit at 11 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, August 13, 1884. In accordance with a resolution adopted at Grand Rapids, May 10, 1876, every county will be entitled to one delegate for each 500 of the total votes cast for governor at the last state election (in 1882) and one additional delegate for every fraction of 300 votes, but each organized county will be entitled to at least one delegate. Crawford county is entitled to but one delegate.

Why Blaine is Strong.
Mr. Blaine's great popular strength is a mystery to the commonplace. They say he is a rascal and a deluder, and they say they will follow him, like him and follow him. Why it should be so they cannot tell, but the fact is beyond dispute.

The people like Blaine, partly, because he is a hearty, cordial, unaffected, agreeable man. Nobody can be in his society for half an hour without being entertained and impressed. He is vivid, genial and unaffected. Even when he is acting he is true to nature, and carries his auditor along.

As a party man Blaine is just as wholehearted as he is in a matter of his politics. He is for the regular nominations every time, and nobody ever heard him talk of bolting the ticket. Though he was too shrewd and too broad to like Grant, he never opposed him except when the third-term conspiracy came up, and then Blaine lifted his big fist and let him have it between the eyes; after which the third term was heard of no longer.

But all this does not suffice to account for Mr. Blaine. It does not fully explain his speed and bottom. The secret is not there. Moreover, while these things are necessary to his power among men, they do not constitute it. They are the foundation and the edifice towers above. The inner soul of Blaine is his intense Americanism. He is American through and through, bone, fiber and finger nails. He always flies the American flag, and the American eagle perches on his shoulder. To the hereditary antagonist, foe, and rival of the United States, to England, his flag is never lowered, not even in ceremony. Mr. T. Sum-

This is the way vigorous John Finerty, of Chicago, talks to the Democrats and republican pluriplaciers in his paper, the *Citizen*, about the republican nominee for president.

In the American heart—the real American heart—Blaine's action will be secretary of state under Garfield; has completely effaced the "tattoo" which decorates his counterfeit presentment in the purple pages of the *New York Puck*, which is edited by the vilest set of literary rascals that ever disgraced journalism in the American metropolis. Mr. Blaine has, no doubt, many faults. He has been fierce, domineering and somewhat revengeful. He has used the scalping knife and tomahawk on his political adversaries, within and without the republican party, in no sparing manner, but when this is admitted, he has still a large balance to his credit as a public man. The charges of corruption made against him have never been proven. He has borne himself bravely through every ordeal, and in each has proved himself a man of courage, armored with "the audacity of a genius." Were he the democratic standard-bearer the democrats would adorn this brilliant man, and it remains for republicans, who are wild with envy and jealousy, to make attacks on the character and purposes of James Gillespie Blaine.

The charge that the secretary of the treasury and supervising architect were guilty of favoritism in selecting a site for the Brooklyn postoffice, has been twice investigated by this congress, and two democratic committees have exonerated them from blame. The second reported and the matter will now be allowed to rest.

EASTWARD HO!
To the White Mountains and Sea Shore—A Delightful way of Spending one's Summer Vacation.

The Michigan Central Railroad Company, which operates the popular "Ningara Falls Route," announces its series of "pleasure excursions" to the White Mountains and sea shore for the season of 1884. The excursions will be three in number, the dates of departure being Wednesday, June 15, Tuesday, July 15, and Tuesday, August 5. For the past five or six years these excursions have been features of the road which have tended to popularize it more than anything else. Thousands of the best people of the west, north and south have availed themselves of the opportunities thus offered and spent from two to three weeks in making the trip, invariably returning refreshed and invigorated and wholly satisfied. Hundreds of testimonials have been received and columns of newspaper matter have been written expressive of gratification and highly commending the company for the excellent provisions made for the comfort of excursionists. The company is enabled to offer for the coming series of excursions new routes and attractions which cannot but be appreciated. Among the points of interest to be visited may be mentioned Niagara Falls, where the train will cross the new and famous cantilever bridge; Toronto, the St. Lawrence river, the beautiful island and famous rapids of the St. Lawrence, Montreal, Quebec, Lake Memphremagog, Bethlehem, White and Franconia mountain ranges, Fabrans, Mount Washington, North Conway, Sebago and Crystal Lake, Portland, Old Orchard Beach, Rye Beach, Portsmouth, Isle of Shoals, and nearly all the principal resorts of the Atlantic coast. It would be exceedingly difficult to map out a more delightful trip to the American continent, especially at the remarkably low rates offered by the Michigan Central, viz from Toledo, \$23, and from Detroit \$22 round trip, with corresponding low rates on all connecting lines.

Mr. M. C. Roach, the Southern Passenger Agent of the road, Mr. E. H. Hughes, Michigan Passenger Agent, and Mr. W. H. Greego, Traveling Passenger Agent, will personally conduct the excursions, and give their patrons the benefit of their experience and knowledge of the route. Prior to the date of the excursions they will cheerfully answer communications relating to the same, which should be addressed to M. C. Roach, at Toledo, Ohio, or to E. H. Hughes, Detroit, Mich., *Traveling Evening Bee*, May 23.

The man Wheeler who shot Print Matthews in Copiah county in cold blood as he turned away from the ballot box said openly: "I killed Print Matthews. I told him not to vote, and he voted and I killed him. It was not me that killed him; it was the party. If I had not been a democrat I would not have killed him. It was not me but the democratic party; and if the party is a hind to throw me off, I am such a party." A number of reliable witnesses testified to the same effect. Yet a jury took the responsibility of turning him loose, and a democratic convention called soon after, made up we are assured of the best citizens of Copiah, sanctioned the act and de-nounced the report of the Sen. Com. The *Tribune* Chicago convention should add a killing resolution to its platform. *Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

Judge James Birney, of Bay City, in an interview published in the *Bay City Tribune*, is squarely but a candidate for the nomination to congressional honors in the Tenth District. The *Tribune* previously spoke very eulogistically of his honor's superior ability and qualifications in mentioning him as excellent material for an officer. In this connection we can say from personal knowledge and acquaintance with the gentleman, together with the untarnished record he has left in the various public offices he has filled, that should he secure the nomination and be elected he would unquestionably fulfill the duties of the office with honor and credit to himself and the State. *Norfolk News*.

The *Saginaw Courier* (Dem.) says: The Michigan Democrats, or at least those who went to the convention, made the principal declaration in their platform a denunciation of the tariff. In some respects the tariff is a measure that can hardly be dispensed with at present. Michigan will cut a narrow swath in the democratic party in the campaign, but they have put themselves on record, and if it has no other effect than to increase the majority for Blaine, maybe they will benefit.

The morning press and prominent newspapers denounce the Utah bill as cruel, harsh, unjust, tyrannical and unconstitutional. The chief who favors the latter drive, has poor opinion of the law.

The Brakeman's Opinion.
"I say, Jim," called out one freight brakeman to another, as their train stopped close together in the yard, "what is all this talk about chaps named Curtis, Roosevelt, and so on, bolting the nomination of J. H. Blaine? They pretend to be republicans, don't they?" "Straightest I can get it, Jack," replied the other, "is that Jim Blaine has been on this road twenty years or more; he has advanced from section hand to superintendent, and has worked in all positions. He never went back on the company, never deserted a train nor refused to make a run; but, like all the rest of us that work right along for years, he has made a few mistakes. I believe once when he was running a freight he tapped a cedar barrel with a gimlet one day and ran his little straw in—just for a few swallows you know. Another time, when he was a big officer, some other road tried to gouge his'n, and he braced up and said he'd cut rates till they squealed—that he'd have his rights or bust the pool. All the stock holders, directors and employers what have worked right along with him for years have confidence in him, and want to make him president at \$50,000 a year. But these chaps—Roosevelt, Curtis, White and some more of 'em—what don't know what railroad is and got to be stockholders just because their dads left 'em money, they come and say they can't go on for them and that they'll go over to the rival company and get a man for president. I don't believe in that kind of business Jim; it makes me mad to see these kid-gloves, soft-handed beginners with the company kicking against a man what has worked his way right up, just because he once tapped a cedar barrel or winked at a girl at a station, or suthin' like that. I'd like to see one of these kid-gloves start in at the bottom an' see how they'd make it climb to the top. Wouldn't you, Jim?" *Chicago Herald*.

The *Rocky Mountain News* says: There can be no doubt that in Blaine and Logan the republicans have nominated a ship-like-horah ticket. The pendulum has swung forward from the manly-magny cant and cowardice of the last eight years of republican rule, and the leap from such spineless leaders as Hayes and Arthur, to such fearless fighters as Blaine and Logan is a long one. The present administration, like that of Hayes, has gone on all fours to every foreign power that took the trouble to twirl its thumb at this country. The next administration, if the fates decree that Blaine and Logan shall be elected, will stand on its hind legs and show its teeth to the whole rest of the world.

The strike of the mill men at Owego, seems to be quieting down. An attempt to start up the mills on Monday failed, the men refusing to work. The military remain on the ground. We think in looking at it from this distance, that calling the troops out to quell the disturbance, was rather premature. It is to be hoped that the men will now go to work and that there will be no further disturbance. It is a poor time to strike when the goods they are producing are falling in price and the market stagnant. Both employers and laboring men should bear and forbear in times like the present. Instead of being at sword's point, arbitration should be the first resort in all such cases. Employers lose money when their works are idle, and the employees lose even more. They often lose the advance they ask for, lose their situation, and in many cases lose their self respect and of the community in which they reside, by wasting their time in drunken debauchery. Saloons reap a rich harvest during strikes, and their proprietors often fatten instead of discouraging such disturbances.

We are at a loss to know when, and how we ever gave the editor of the Crawford (Grayling) *AVALANCHE* occasion for the pleasant remark last week that the *Times* is not a success. We have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with the man for whom we suppose he is *Times*. "He is so taken and accepted." The cause of our remark was called forth by the article that preceded your flattering notice of the *Detroit Journal*, in which you stated that a clean paper like it, controlled by a genius could not help but succeed. Our inference was that the paper which would publish such an article was not a clean journal. As we did not wish to flatter the editor by calling him a genius, we therefore on his assertion supposed the *Times* was not as successful as it might be under different management. Is this sufficient?

Advertise in the *AVALANCHE*.

A Political Joke.
In one of the Bay county villages a short time since, a political meeting (democratic) was held at a hotel for the purpose of nominating delegates to the county convention. When they had completed their business, one of the delegates moved that the convention adjourn sine die.

"Sine die," said the landlord, to a wag standing near him, "where is that?"

"Why, it's way up in the northern part of the county," was the reply.

"Hold on, if you please, Mr. Chair-man," shouted the landlord, with great earnestness and emphasis, "hold on, sir. I'd like to be heard on that question. I have kept a public house for more than 20 years. I am a poor man—I have always belonged to the party and never split my ticket in my life. This is the most central location in the county. I've never had or asked for any office, I've worked night and day for the party, and now I think, sir, it's contemptible to go to adjourning this convention way up to sine die."

A carload of cigars could not keep the affair quiet.

Figures for Democrats.

The following electoral votes are absolutely certain to be cast for Blaine and Logan in any event, whatever, no matter who the democratic nominees. *Verona* (the *Verona* was the democratic nominee).

Total thirteen States.....116
The following electoral votes are absolutely certain to be cast for Blaine and Logan unless the democratic platform and candidates are unmistakably and undeviatingly for protection:
Connecticut.....6
Maine.....6
Massachusetts.....14
New Hampshire.....4
New Jersey.....9
New York.....36
Ohio.....23
Pennsylvania.....30

Total, seven States.....91
The following electoral votes will certainly be cast for Blaine and Logan if the democratic platform is a tariff for revenue only:
Indiana.....15
New York.....36

Total, two States.....51
The following is consequently a recapitulation of the situation:
Blaine and Logan certain.....103
Blaine and Logan probable.....32
Blaine and Logan possible.....51

Total.....286
Necessary to elect.....201
Our design in setting forth the matter in this form is to show clearly how the democratic party has it in its power to elect Blaine and Logan. *New Orleans Picayune*.

"I'm as good a democrat as ever walked the earth," remarked a rather elderly passenger as he lay down his morning paper. "but if they nominate Ben Butler I'll vote and work against the ticket with all my might." "Oh, I don't believe you would uncle," remarked his companion, "you'd kick for awhile, but swallow it as you have everything with the democratic trade mark on for the last 30 years." "Never, never," returned the elderly passenger, with some warmth. "Let me tell you something. Once during the war I saw Gen. Butler ride up before our regiment, in time for three parades, but before a company and out on the sidewalk. The captain advanced and saluted, when Butler whipped out his pocket knife and cut the captain's coat and then had him drummed out of the army. Some nobodies had told him the captain had been guilty of cowardice before the enemy. But it was a lie, sir, as I know—a foul, malicious falsehood—and Butler disgraced the poor man without a trial or evidence. Oh, it was an awful thing, as I know—in fact, boy, I was that captain! Do you think I could ever vote for Butler now?"

In an interview, a few days ago, Gen. Butler indicated his belief that Gov. Cleveland, if nominated by the democrats, might not be able to carry the state of New York. In fact he thought the state quite doubtful; and that the democratic party needed to nominate a candidate who will beat all divisions and bring out the entire vote if it was to have any chance of success. He also seemed to think that he could guide all the factions, and carry it successfully, against Blaine and Logan.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

California republican state convention will be held in Sacramento, July 23d.

General Logan called on the President on last Monday, and received his congratulations.

Blaine's letter of acceptance, it is now stated, will not be made public until after the democratic convention.

The feeling is strong among democratic congressmen that Cleveland will get the presidential nomination.

The republicans of Indiana have nominated Congressman Perkins for governor of that State. He will have a walk over, even if the democrats do nominate Hendricks.

Dr. Mary Walker admits she is a democrat. We have been laboring for some time to discover the mill-stone tied to the neck of the democracy. *Det. Journal*.

Ben Butler's so-called letter of acceptance does not appear to accept anything. *—Etc.* He is waiting for another nomination. He does not believe in making two bites of a cherry.

The *Courier-Journal* says: Before us the enemy is drawn up in a line of battle across the road; behind, a mass of other side's precipice. Retreat is impossible. Better surrender.

The *New York Times* is having a laborious time trying to elucidate reasons why the republicans should bolt vote for Blaine. The principal reason is that the *Times* did not want him nominated. *—Detroit Journal*.

The *New York Sun* says: That if the democratic convention should show a disposition to meddle unceremoniously with a system (of protection) upon which be it right or wrong, so many great interests have long rested, that New York, New Jersey and Connecticut would protect themselves by voting for Blaine.

Congress expects to adjourn about the 5th of next month. For all the good it has accomplished, it might as well have adjourned last winter. Unseating republicans to give a salary and expenses to a hungry contentant seems to be the main work of the forgers. "The republicans must go," is their battle cry.

The Michigan Press Association will meet at Bay City, next Thursday, but it is a well-behaved gang, and the chickens need not roost any higher than usual. *—Detroit News*. There is no necessity for their doing so, and if there was, the chickens well know that the *News* is a free trader and is opposed to protection. They will roost higher than ever, and more so now since reading the platform of the convention lately held in Detroit.

The *Buffalo Express* says: That the democratic party cannot always hold its own voters was shown plainly enough in the election last fall. The head of the democratic state ticket, Judge Maynard, was beaten by a large majority, though the rest of the ticket was elected and though many independent republicans voted for him in preference to the republican candidate. Indeed, the bolt against Maynard was a larger one than has ever occurred in the republican party with the exception of 1882.

The democrats who rejoiced because securities were depressed, when the candidate of the republicans was uncertain, are trying to make out that the rise which followed the nomination of Blaine was a political move engineered by Jay Gould at Blaine's request. (Gould is not the man to risk his millions to accommodate a presidential candidate who never deals in stocks. Prices advanced because a republican victory was assured. *—Last and Tribune*).

The *Saginaw Courier*, (generally democratic) says: The cause of republicanism in Michigan has been immeasurably strengthened by the nomination of Mr. Blaine, and if a wise policy controls the nominations on the state ticket, it will require the utmost activity and shrewd management on the part of the fusion elements to keep their heads above water at the polls in November next.

The *New York Sun* continues its rather sensible plan, inaugurated four years ago, of estimating democrats by the pound. It supported Gen. Hancock for the special reason that he weighed nearly 250 pounds. It now holds up the Flower boom in a moderate way, by stating, in connection with his appearance at Saratoga, that "he weighs about 220 pounds." A proper understanding of the relative importance of democrats has always been difficult, and there seems on the whole to be no better way than to accept the state's opinion and test them by the *big scales*. *—Post and Tribune*. What a prominent member of the party J. O. H. ought to be.

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 Stiffed Oats per bushel, 45 cents.
 Hay No. 1 Timothy, per ton, \$15 00.
 Straw, per ton, 15 00.
 Potatoes, per bushel, 25 cents.
 Beans, per bushel, 25 cents.
 Corn, per bushel, 25 cents.
 Wheat, per bushel, 48 cents.
 Rye, per bushel, 45 cents.
 Buckwheat, per bushel, 45 cents.
 Oats, per bushel, 45 cents.
 Hay No. 2, per ton, 12 00.
 Hay No. 3, per ton, 10 00.
 Hay No. 4, per ton, 8 00.
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 Hay No. 7, per ton, 3 00.
 Hay No. 8, per ton, 2 00.
 Hay No. 9, per ton, 1 00.
 Hay No. 10, per ton, 50 cents.
 Hay No. 11, per ton, 40 cents.
 Hay No. 12, per ton, 30 cents.
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 Hay No. 97, per ton, 1/1208925819614629174706176 cent.
 Hay No. 98, per ton, 1/2417851639229258349412352 cent.
 Hay No. 99, per ton, 1/4835703278458516698824704 cent.
 Hay No. 100, per ton, 1/9671406556917033397649408 cent.

Subscribe for the AVALANCHE.
 Circuit Court adjourned yesterday.
 Dr. Hoffer arrived in the city on Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. Perry, of Lapeer Co., is the guest of S. Cassimer.

Mutton is getting in fine condition, as we can testify.

The strawberry crop is excellent and ripening fast.

Born.—On the 22d inst., to Mrs. Woodfield, of Forest, a daughter.

Highway contracts for sale at the AVALANCHE office.

Mrs. J. Jones is visiting at Chesaning.

Neils Olsen has returned from his Western trip looking as though travel agreed with him.

Roscommon has struck it again. This time it is said to be a vein of natural gas. What next?

A. Lovsey arrived home from Jonesville, on Tuesday and goes back to his farm in Oscoda county.

The breaking of a carriage spring gave Judge Tuttle several miles walk, on his way from Mio last week.

The Brother of A. E. Newman has gone to the southern part of the state for a season.

Press of business prevents the giving of the balance of the Supervisors' Report this week.

Dr. G. M. F. Davis is adding greatly to the beauty of his home by grading and filling around the house.

J. O. Hadley, Esq., has begun the erection of a residence on Ogema street.

Get your watches repaired at Peterson's and you will be sure to be satisfied.

A. E. N. seems to think that a certain J. P. is not so youthful and innocent as he claims to be.

A man by the name of Wilson, was seriously injured last week, while engaged in unloading logs into the Manistee river.

L. B. Fletcher, of Ball township has purchased a portable saw mill and will locate it on sec. 34 of that town, and will supply the farmers with lumber.

Lapeer county claims more oil than Roscommon. Must have considerable oil. It took thirty barrels to stock the well at Roscommon, so it is said.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Michelson have gone on a visit to Wisconsin. They will stop a few days en-route at Manistee and Chicago.

Ferd Richmond, of South Branch, will raise a Blaine & Logan pole next Saturday, with the aid of his neighbor republicans.

Bro. Zahm, of the Roscommon Pioneer, should take some verminifer. It would benefit him and he would feel better.

The citizens of Portland have raised money to purchase a banner for John Megarrath Post. Marvin Post should have one. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

For a clean shave, fancy hair-cut, or a good shampoo, go to the barber-shop of David Beard, corner of Michigan Avenue and Railroad Street. Give him a call, as his shop is by far the best in Grayling.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of L. W. Night, the reputed defaulting treasurer of Fredericville, but report says he has gone to a summer home.

Mrs. L. J. Wilcox and daughter, of Colwater, are the guests of her brother, P. M. Lamport. They have not met before for nine years and their present visit is accordingly enjoyed.

Mr. Wilson of Beaver Creek township, who moved there a short time since from Lenawee Co., has just completed a fine house, and has ten acres in grain which looks well.

Kellough & Taylor, of Gaylord, have purchased a tract of timber land in sec. 11, 27, 28, 29, 30, where they intend to move their saw and shingle mill, which is now at Gaylord.

Johnston's Sarsaparilla, Yellow Dock and Dandelion is the cheapest and best blood remedy in use, as it only costs a dollar for a quart bottle. Try it.

In the case of Stockey vs. Tarbell the jury rendered a verdict of \$800.00 damages. While perhaps a majority favor the decision, there is yet a difference of opinion.

Brother Zahm, of Roscommon must have the blues, the outside of the Pioneer being printed with blue ink. Det. News. A new name for it.

The Ovid Register has reduced its price to 50 cents per year. Better hang yourself, Bro. Carrier. News. Don't do it. It may be all it is worth. He ought to know.

Mr. Fauble, the champion farmer of Grove township has repaired his house by putting in a cellar wall consisting of cedar blocks laid with mortar. Mr. Fauble has twenty acres of rye which looks well. His grass and other spring crops are growing finely.

The dedication of the Washington monument will take place February 22nd, 1885. The Michigan Central is prepared to sell tickets at low rates, good for 30 days, or until after the inauguration of J. G. Blaine, March 3d.

The Times of West Branch, says that Messrs. Telford and Hinnivell of that place, are now possessors of a fine piece of Mark Anthony trotting stock. Wonder when they will get the balance of the animal?

The following item is going the rounds of the Michigan Press: Path-masters are now required, by law, to plant at least fifty trees, sixty feet apart, along the highways in their districts each year, until the roads are provided for. Bro. Hadley will please bear this in mind when the season for tree planting arrives.

The final exercises of the Grayling Graded School will be held in the school building, to-morrow afternoon. The exercises in the Primary Department will begin at 1:30 o'clock; those in the Intermediate and Grammar Departments will begin at 3 o'clock. Parents and friends of the school are respectfully invited to be present.

Martin Packard, of Beaver Creek township, had his leg broken by a link of chain, which passed through it just below the knee, while engaged in logging. We trust that he will soon recover from the accident. The members of the G. A. R. should see that he lacks for nothing that will tend to his speedy recovery.

Business engagements prevented our attending the editorial convention at Bay City, on Tuesday, or the excursion following. Several of the fraternity called at the AVALANCHE office yesterday, during the brief stop of the train. We acknowledge the compliment and regret our inability to meet them.

There will be a meeting of the Grayling Improvement Association, at the town hall, on Saturday Evening, June 28th. It is hoped and expected that there will be a general attendance, as business of much importance will come before the meeting. The building of, and location of the mill, should be of as much interest to the citizens in general, as well as to the business men, for on the prosperity of the town, in a great measure depends their own. Grayling is improving fast, but all on account of her natural advantages. But nature should be assisted as much as possible, as there are many improvements needed in Grayling which she cannot make for us. She gives us a stream and a dam for a mill site, but never a mill by a dam site.

Basket Picnic.
 The Grayling Cornet Band has decided to picnic on the banks of Portage Lake, on the Fourth of July, instead of a dance at the Opera House. They will have boating, swinging, croquet and other games, and perhaps a trip by rail to the Manistee River.

Bankrupt stock, Cheap.
 Another consignment of first class sewing machines, with full attachments, has been received at Travers' Furniture Rooms and will be sold at \$23. Best style, first class, fully warranted.

MAKED.
 On the 15 inst. by H. T. Shafer J. P., Mr. William R. Bush and Mrs. Flora Irish, both of Center Plains.

CORRESPONDENCE.
 Beaver Creek Gossip.

Everything quiet at present.

Heavy rain Saturday.

School closes in fractional district, No. 7, next Friday.

Resorters have begun to arrive at Higgin's Lake, and the prospect for a goodly crowd this year, is promising.

We have always heard that the Irish were great for beating around the bush, and since the taking place of a certain event in our town, the saying is fully exemplified. For further particulars inquire of the bridegroom.

Ered Lapoint has erected a bowery near his residence, one half mile west of Bush schoolhouse, and intends to hold a dance every week. A pleasant time is expected, the Fourth.

G. S.

Grayling Graded School.

The close of the school year is at hand. The little hardy and vexatious of school-life are temporarily at an end. And yet, upon taking a retrospective view, we realize that that "herce spirit of the glass and sythe" has kindly smoothed the many asperities which at the time we were pleased to designate "hardships" as the present mellow into the past. I think we will find that it is even a pleasure to reflect upon trials and annoyances as being necessary to excellence in any form. The path along which one must journey in acquiring a broad and sound education is not strewn with roses throughout its length; if it be, they have their thorns fully developed. Obstacles will be encountered that are well nigh overwhelming; reverses will be met with that are disheartening and enervating; but they have been overcome—and they can be overcome. "No wealth, nor birth, nor high rank, that gains for us the goal; education, perseverance, determination. When Ptolemy Soter asked Euclid to instruct him in the science of geometry in a more concise manner, the great Alexandrian mathematician answered, "Sire, there is no royal road to learning."

In reviewing the labors of the year, we are of opinion that there has been some progress—as much, perchance, as the condition of things at the beginning of the year could insure. It must be borne in mind that this is the school's first year as a graded school, and that a graded school is not the growth of a day—cannot reach perfection in a year. Nine months ago, the school was very ungraded; and, in fact, this year can be considered little more than a period of transition from the old fashioned district school to the more modern graded school. However, at the beginning of next year, each pupil will know his place; he will be presented with a copy of a well defined course of study; he will know just the studies that he is to pursue during the year; he will have a definite purpose in view, a definite object to be attained. Examinations, oral and written, will be more frequent and rigid. In short, it shall be the endeavor to reach the best results in all possible directions.

I would wish to double the length of this article, but time forbids. In a future issue of the AVALANCHE, I design to comment upon various other features, and especially upon what is in all probability the greatest evil of the school.

GRAYLING, MICH. C. S. HYDE.

Fourth of July Picnic.

The annual basket picnic of Grove township, will be held at the old Camp Grounds at Shelenberger's Landing. All are cordially invited to attend and have a general good time, on this our national holiday.

For Sale or Rent.

A new house and lot conveniently located near the center of the city, well finished is for sale or rent. Inquire of,

SAMUEL HEMPSTEAD.

For Sale, or Exchange.

For Grayling village property, a good house and barn, with one acre of land, located in Eureka, Montcalm Co., Mich. Call on,

M. J. CONNIXE.

STRAYED.

STRAYED, away from the premises of the subscriber in Grayling about two weeks since, a red cow, about 8 years old—and had on a bell when last seen. A liberal reward will be paid for her return—or for any information as to her whereabouts.

M. S. HARTWICK.

June 12—'84.

Notice.

All persons indebted to me will please call at my office some time during the month of June and settle their account either by note or cash. No deviation will be made from this request as I must have every account balanced before July 1st 1884.

Respectfully yours,

J. MAURICE FINN.

BLIND.

Agents wanted for authentic edition of his life. Published by A. Augusta, his home. Largest, handiest, cheapest, best, by the renowned historian and biographer, Col. Cornwell, who has of Garfield, published by his own hand the twenty copies for \$5.00. Catalogue every book ever published in this world, many dealers selling for less than cost. Agents wanted for all cities. Terms: \$1.50 made by a lady agent first day. Terms made local. Particulars free. Better send 25 cents for catalogue, etc., or free outline of the largest prospectus book, and receive valuable time. ALLEN & CO., Augusta, Me.

June 12, '84, 3m.

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(U. S. LAND OFFICE, AT EAST SAGINAW, June 26, 1884.)

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